

Arkansas

Broiler Hatchery

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Arkansas Chick Placements Down 2 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 23.7 million during the week ending June 7, 2008. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week in 2007, and down slightly from the previous week.

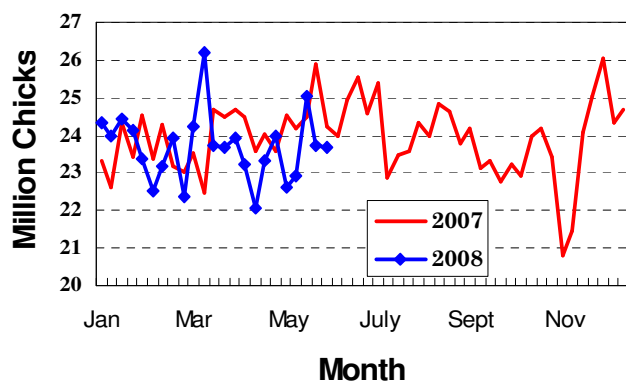
Arkansas hatcheries set 26.9 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending June 7, 2008, down 6 percent from the same period last year, and down 1 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending ¹	Chicks Placed			Eggs Set		
	2007	2008	% of Prev. Year	2007	2008	% of Prev. Year
	<i>Thousand</i>			<i>Thousand</i>		
May 3	23,581	23,995	102	29,219	27,317	93
May 10	24,537	22,615	92	29,294	26,611	91
May 17	24,188	22,940	95	28,818	26,852*	93
May 24	24,471	25,035	102	28,790	27,244	95
May 31	25,876	23,748*	92	28,778	27,203*	95
June 7	24,238	23,671	98	28,755	26,918	94

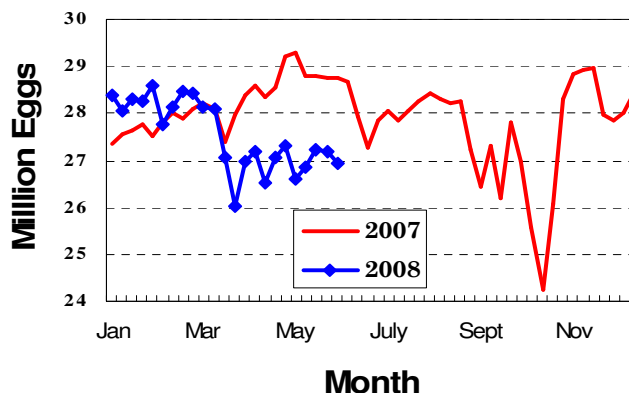
¹ For previous year, it is the comparable week.

* Revised in current week

Chicks Placed In Arkansas, 2007-2008



Eggs Set In Arkansas, 2007-2008



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, May 10, 2008 - June 7, 2008

State	Eggs Set						Chicks Placed					
	Week Ending						Week Ending					
	10-May	17-May	24-May	31-May	7-Jun	% 1/	10-May	17-May	24-May	31-May	7-Jun	% 1/
	<i>Thousand</i>						<i>Thousand</i>					
Alabama	31,858	32,089	31,905	32,156	32,166	102	21,111	21,200	21,782	20,999 *	21,640	104
Arkansas	26,611	26,852 *	27,244	27,203 *	26,918	94	22,615	22,940	25,035	23,748 *	23,671	98
Delaware	3,718	3,728	3,717	3,721	3,718	89	5,746	4,321	4,949	5,206	5,007	100
Florida	1,336	1,341 *	1,336	1,346	1,341	97	1,271	1,138	1,136	1,383	1,146	90
Georgia	34,041	34,848 *	34,509	34,004	34,184	95	28,571	28,094	28,981	28,993 *	29,052	100
Kentucky	8,127 *	8,100 *	8,290 *	8,168 *	8,109	103	6,246	5,431	6,158 *	6,072 *	6,452	93
Louisiana	3,712	3,650	3,682	3,620	3,651	93	3,147	3,634	3,474	3,683	3,794	97
Maryland	8,840	8,796	8,771	8,601	8,881	99	6,021	5,712	6,008	5,602	6,071	96
Mississippi	18,893	19,060	18,948	18,981	19,074	101	17,145	17,383	16,614	17,259	17,348	100
N. Carolina	19,740	19,693 *	19,587	19,577	19,263	98	16,014	16,120	16,087	16,076	16,047	100
Oklahoma	7,446	7,523 *	7,301	7,204	7,342	105	5,430	5,136	3,883	4,608	4,802	85
Pennsylvania	4,232	4,405	4,442	4,566 *	4,575	107	3,262	3,254	3,261	3,205 *	3,365	110
S. Carolina	5,491	5,718	5,556	5,490	5,769	100	4,812	4,997	4,618	4,756	4,726	88
Texas	14,836 *	15,467 *	15,485 *	15,599 *	15,778	103	12,702 *	12,851 *	12,523 *	12,416 *	12,990	101
Virginia	5,939	6,429	6,257	6,242	6,199	96	4,077	5,113	4,976	4,858	5,202	104
CA,MO,TN&WV	19,687 *	19,889	19,723	19,840 *	20,018	104	18,423 *	18,027 *	17,249 *	17,659 *	18,131	103
19 State Total	214,507 *	217,588 *	216,753 *	216,318 *	216,986		176,593 *	175,351 *	176,734 *	176,523 *	179,444	
Prev. Year Total	219,938	219,938	219,527	218,990	219,184		180,594	178,545	179,069	180,055	180,462	
% of Prev. Year	98	99	99	99	99		98	98	99	98	99	

* Revised in current week. 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 217 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 7, 2008. This was down 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Down 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 179 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 7, 2008. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through June 7, 2008 were 4.10 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.